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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR  
1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/JP00/07731

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

2 November 2000

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

2 November 1999

## TITLE OF INVENTION

HOUSING-RELATED COMMODITY SALES SUPPORT SYSTEM, HOUSING-RELATED COMMODITY SALES SUPPORT METHOD,  
HOUSING-RELATED COMMODITY SALES SUPPORT PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM STORING SUCH  
PROGRAM

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Kayo IMAMURA

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

## Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ Assignee: MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC WORKS, Ltd. Of Osaka, JAPAN
12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ Figure of Drawing to be published \_\_\_\_\_
18. ☒ Other items or information:  
International Application as published Cover Sheet(in Japanese).  
PCT/RO/101-PCT Request(in Japanese).  
PCT/IB/304.  
PCT/IB/308.  
PCT/ISA/210(in English and Japanese).  
Claim of Priority.

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19. The following fees are submitted:

Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):

Search report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO. . . . . \$ 860.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482). . . . . \$ 690.00

No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)). . . . . \$ 710.00

Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO. . . . . \$1,000.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4). . . . . \$ 100.00

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =

CALCULATIONS

PTO USE ONLY

\$860.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

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Claims

Number Filed

Number Extra

RATE

Total Claims

21 - 20 =

1

X \$18.00

\$18.00

Independent Claims

8 - 3 =

5

X \$80.00

\$400.00

Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)

+ \$270.00

\$0.00

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =

\$1278.00

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.

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SUBTOTAL =

\$1278.00

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

+

Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$

TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =

\$1278.00

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property

+

\$40.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =

\$1318.00

Amount to be refunded

\$

Charged


\$

a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1318.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees.c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl No. : Not Yet Assigned

PCT Branch

I.A. Filed :November 2, 2000

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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 11-312561, filed November 2, 1999 and 2000-040844, filed February 18, 2000. The International Bureau already should have sent certified copies of the Japanese applications to the United States designated office. If the certified copies have not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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